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For: Methods and Apparatus for Starting up
Emission-Free Gas-Turbine Power Stations

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly add the following paragraph on page 1, after the Title:

This application is a continuation of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to International application no. PCT/IB02/04006, filed 30 September 2002, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Swiss application no. 2001 1809/01, filed 01 October 2001, the entireties of both of which are incorporated by reference herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-15 and add Claims 16-25 as follows: